

Health Care

SB2577 SD1 HD2

RELATING TO PEER REVIEW.

Shields from discovery in court proceedings certain data and information compiled and submitted by a medical provider to a peer review committee of a hospital or medical facility to allow full discussion of medical errors.

SB2951 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY.

Amends title of administrative officer and eliminates Radiologic Technology Board's supervision thereof. Expands penalties for violations to include maximum \$2000 fine. Requires board to report to legislature on issue of fines and guidelines therefor.

Addressing Long-Term Care

SB2929 SD1 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO MEDICAID REIMBURSEMENT.

Changes the effective start date of the revised reimbursement methodology for long-term care services from 7/1/03 to 7/1/08. Eliminates the "sunset" provision of the original act to enable the new reimbursement methodology to continue.

Encouraging Healthy Lifestyles

HB2472 HD2 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO THE SALE OF STERILE SYRINGES FOR THE PREVENTION OF DISEASE.

Repeals the sunset date of Act 292, session laws of 2001 and makes the sale of syringes by qualified individuals to prevent the transmission of deadly blood borne diseases permanent.

Improving Health Insurance Options

HB2411 HD1 SD1 CD1

RELATING TO INSURANCE.

Updates and streamlines, and conforms insurance laws to the requirements of the Gramm-Leach-Bliley and Producers License Model Acts. Exempts health insurance policies for self-employed persons from mandatory coverage requirements.

SB3237 SD1 HD1

RELATING TO PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

Amends the Hawaii Rx prescription drug discount program based on the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling on the Maine Rx program. Amendments to the measure include the Governor's initiatives originally introduced in HB 2460 and SB 2935: streamlining the eligibility criteria, maximizing drug discounts by minimizing the government's costs to operate the program, insisting the drugs on the Hawaii Rx preferred drug list are safe and efficacious, protecting Medicaid patients' access to drugs, preventing employees from losing employer-sponsored insurance, and protecting pharmacies from transaction fees in order to encourage their participation in Hawaii Rx.

Promoting a Healthier Hawai'i

SB1362 SD3 HD2

RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH

Expands the authority of the Department of Health to conduct criminal history checks on all employees, potential employees, and contracted providers of both mental health divisions in positions that require direct, non-witnessed contact with clients. Also requires the Department of Health to develop an annual statewide comprehensive integrated service plan for the mental health system and operate a community-based mental health system and clarifies the role of the service area administrator.

SB2926 SD1 HD2 CD1

RELATING TO THE HOUSING LOAN AND MORTGAGE PROGRAMS.

Increases the bond authorization amount under the Hula Mae Multi-Family Housing Program from \$200,000,000 to \$300,000,000 to facilitate the development or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing projects.

SB2948 SD2 HD1 CD1

RELATING TO PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES.

Establishes the public health nursing services program and sets forth the roles and functions of the program in the delivery of direct clinical nursing services.
